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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (currently amended)

5. An oil-in-water (O/W) microemulsion composition, consisting essentially of:
- (a) at least one emulsifier (emulsifier A) present in concentrations of 0.01 – 20% by weight based on the total weight of the composition, selected from the group consisting of cetareth-12, cetareth-15, cetareth-20, glyceryl stearate, glyceryl isostearate, isoceteth-20, sorbitan monoisostearate and mixtures thereof,
 - (b) an effective amount of one or more insect repellents.
 - ~~(b) optionally, an emulsifier which does not have the properties of emulsifier A and is a water-in-oil emulsifier which is soluble or dispersible in the oil phase or the water phase, and~~
 - ~~(c) an effective amount of one or more insect repellents.~~

Claim 6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (previously presented)

7. The O/W microemulsion composition of claim 5, wherein the emulsifier A or emulsifiers A is or are present in concentrations of 0.05 - 10% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 8 (previously presented)

8. The O/W microemulsion composition of claim 7, wherein the emulsifier A or emulsifiers A is or are present in concentrations of 0.1 - 5% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 9 (previously presented)

9. The O/W microemulsion composition of claim 5, wherein the insect repellent(s) is/are chosen from the group consisting of ethyl 3-(N-acetyl-N-butylamino)propionate, N,N-diethyloctanamide, N,N-diethyl-m-toluidamide.

Claim 10 (previously presented)

10. The O/W microemulsion composition of claim 5, wherein the total amount of one or more insect repellents is chosen from the range 0.1 – 15.0% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 11 (previously presented)

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11. The O/W microemulsion composition of claim 5, wherein the total amount of one or more insect repellents is chosen from the range 0.5 – 8.0% by weight, based on the total weight of the composition.

Claim 12-15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (currently amended)

16. The O/W microemulsion composition of claim 5 ~~wherein the at least one emulsifier (Emulsifier A) is selected from the group consisting of ceteareth-12, glyceryl isostearate, sorbitan monoisostearate and mixtures thereof, consisting essentially of:~~
- (a) two emulsifiers (emulsifier A) present in concentrations of 0.01 – 20% by weight based on the total weight of the composition, which are ceteareth-20 and glyceryl stearate,
 - (b) an effective amount of one or more insect repellents.

Claim 17 (currently amended)

17. The O/W microemulsion composition of claim 5 ~~wherein the at least one emulsifier (Emulsifier A) is selected from the group consisting of isocetoth-20, ceteareth-20 and mixtures thereof, consisting essentially of:~~
- (a) two emulsifiers (emulsifier A) present in concentrations of 0.01 – 20% by weight based on the total weight of the composition, which are ceteareth-12 and glyceryl isostearate,
 - (b) an effective amount of one or more insect repellents.

Claim 18 (previously presented)

18. The O/W microemulsion composition of claim 5 wherein the one or more insect repellents are selected from the group consisting of ethyl 3-(N-acetyl-N-butylamino)propionate; N,N-diethyloctanamide and combinations thereof.

Claim 19 (previously presented)

19. The O/W microemulsion composition of claim 5 wherein the one or more insect repellent is ethyl 3-(N-acetyl-N-butylamino)propionate.

Claim 20 (new)

20. The O/W microemulsion composition of claim 1 which further comprises at least two of the following ingredients selected from the group consisting of glycerol, vitamin E acetate and dicapryl ether.